
HOUSE BILL No. 1181

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-1.1

Synopsis: Tax abatements. Specifies that certain equipment installed in an economic revitalization area or a maritime opportunity district after being used in Indiana by a person other than the applicant is eligible for tax abatement. Removes the requirement that equipment must be placed in service before January 1, 2006, to be eligible for tax abatement. Makes a technical correction. Repeals the provision that a designating body may not approve a statement of benefits after December 31, 2005.

Effective: January 1, 2005 (retroactive).

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-12.1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005 (RETROACTIVE)]:

Sec. 1. For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Economic revitalization area" means an area which is within the corporate limits of a city, town, or county which has become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors which have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or use of property. The term "economic revitalization area" also includes:

(A) any area where a facility or a group of facilities that are technologically, economically, or energy obsolete are located and where the obsolescence may lead to a decline in employment and tax revenues; and

(B) a residentially distressed area, except as otherwise



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provided in this chapter.

(2) "City" means any city in this state, and "town" means any town incorporated under IC 36-5-1.

(3) "New manufacturing equipment" means ~~any~~ tangible personal property ~~which:~~ **that the deduction applicant:**

(A) ~~was installed~~ **installs** after February 28, 1983, ~~and before January 1, 2006,~~ in an area that is declared an economic revitalization area after February 28, 1983, in which a deduction for tangible personal property is allowed;

(B) ~~is used~~ **uses** in the direct production, manufacture, fabrication, assembly, extraction, mining, processing, refining, or finishing of other tangible personal property, including but not limited to use to dispose of solid waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or hazardous waste into energy or other useful products; ~~and~~

(C) ~~was acquired by its owner~~ **acquires** for use as described in clause (B); and

(D) ~~was never before used by its owner~~ **for any purpose in Indiana before the installation described in clause (A).**

However, notwithstanding any other law, the term includes tangible personal property that is used to dispose of solid waste or hazardous waste by converting the solid waste or hazardous waste into energy or other useful products and was installed after March 1, 1993, and before March 2, 1996, even if the property was installed before the area where the property is located was designated as an economic revitalization area or the statement of benefits for the property was approved by the designating body.

(4) "Property" means a building or structure, but does not include land.

(5) "Redevelopment" means the construction of new structures in economic revitalization areas, either:

(A) on unimproved real estate; or

(B) on real estate upon which a prior existing structure is demolished to allow for a new construction.

(6) "Rehabilitation" means the remodeling, repair, or betterment of property in any manner or any enlargement or extension of property.

(7) "Designating body" means the following:

(A) For a county that does not contain a consolidated city, the fiscal body of the county, city, or town.

(B) For a county containing a consolidated city, the metropolitan development commission.

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(8) "Deduction application" means either:

(A) the application filed in accordance with section 5 of this chapter by a property owner who desires to obtain the deduction provided by section 3 of this chapter; or

(B) the application filed in accordance with ~~section 5.5~~ **section 5.4** of this chapter by a person who desires to obtain the deduction provided by section 4.5 of this chapter.

(9) "Designation application" means an application that is filed with a designating body to assist that body in making a determination about whether a particular area should be designated as an economic revitalization area.

(10) "Hazardous waste" has the meaning set forth in IC 13-11-2-99(a). The term includes waste determined to be a hazardous waste under IC 13-22-2-3(b).

(11) "Solid waste" has the meaning set forth in IC 13-11-2-205(a). However, the term does not include dead animals or any animal solid or semisolid wastes.

(12) "New research and development equipment" means tangible personal property that:

(A) ~~is installed~~ **the deduction applicant installs** after June 30, 2000, ~~and before January 1, 2006~~; in an economic revitalization area in which a deduction for tangible personal property is allowed;

(B) consists of:

- (i) laboratory equipment;
- (ii) research and development equipment;
- (iii) computers and computer software;
- (iv) telecommunications equipment; or
- (v) testing equipment;

(C) ~~is used~~ **the deduction applicant uses** in research and development activities devoted directly and exclusively to experimental or laboratory research and development for new products, new uses of existing products, or improving or testing existing products; ~~and~~

(D) ~~is acquired by the property owner~~ **the deduction applicant acquires** for purposes described in this subdivision; ~~and was~~

(E) **the deduction applicant** never ~~before~~ used by ~~the owner~~ for any purpose in Indiana ~~before the installation described in clause (A).~~

The term does not include equipment installed in facilities used for or in connection with efficiency surveys, management studies,

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consumer surveys, economic surveys, advertising or promotion, or research in connection with literacy, history, or similar projects.

(13) "New logistical distribution equipment" means tangible personal property that:

(A) ~~is installed~~ **the deduction applicant installs** after June 30, 2004, ~~and before January 1, 2006,~~ in an economic revitalization area:

(i) in which a deduction for tangible personal property is allowed; and

(ii) located in a county referred to in section 2.3 of this chapter, subject to section 2.3(c) of this chapter;

(B) consists of:

(i) racking equipment;

(ii) scanning or coding equipment;

(iii) separators;

(iv) conveyors;

(v) fork lifts or lifting equipment (including "walk behinds");

(vi) transitional moving equipment;

(vii) packaging equipment;

(viii) sorting and picking equipment; or

(ix) software for technology used in logistical distribution;

(C) ~~is used~~ **the deduction applicant uses** for the storage or distribution of goods, services, or information; and

(D) ~~before being used as described in clause (C), was the deduction applicant~~ never used by its owner for any purpose in Indiana **before the installation described in clause (A).**

(14) "New information technology equipment" means tangible personal property that:

(A) ~~is installed~~ **the deduction applicant installs** after June 30, 2004, ~~and before January 1, 2006,~~ in an economic revitalization area:

(i) in which a deduction for tangible personal property is allowed; and

(ii) located in a county referred to in section 2.3 of this chapter, subject to section 2.3(c) of this chapter;

(B) consists of equipment, including software, used in the fields of:

(i) information processing;

(ii) office automation;

(iii) telecommunication facilities and networks;

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- (iv) informatics;
- (v) network administration;
- (vi) software development; and
- (vii) fiber optics; and

(C) ~~before being installed as described in clause (A), was the deduction applicant never used by its owner for any purpose in Indiana before the installation described in clause (A).~~

(15) "Deduction applicant" means an owner of tangible personal property who makes a deduction application.

SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-12.1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005 (RETROACTIVE)]:
Sec. 2. (a) A designating body may find that a particular area within its jurisdiction is an economic revitalization area. However, the deduction provided by this chapter for economic revitalization areas not within a city or town shall not be available to retail businesses.

(b) In a county containing a consolidated city or within a city or town, a designating body may find that a particular area within its jurisdiction is a residentially distressed area. Designation of an area as a residentially distressed area has the same effect as designating an area as an economic revitalization area, except that the amount of the deduction shall be calculated as specified in section 4.1 of this chapter and the deduction is allowed for not more than five (5) years. In order to declare a particular area a residentially distressed area, the designating body must follow the same procedure that is required to designate an area as an economic revitalization area and must make all the following additional findings or all the additional findings described in subsection (c):

(1) The area is comprised of parcels that are either unimproved or contain only one (1) or two (2) family dwellings or multifamily dwellings designed for up to four (4) families, including accessory buildings for those dwellings.

(2) Any dwellings in the area are not permanently occupied and are:

- (A) the subject of an order issued under IC 36-7-9; or
- (B) evidencing significant building deficiencies.

(3) Parcels of property in the area:

- (A) have been sold and not redeemed under IC 6-1.1-24 and IC 6-1.1-25; or
- (B) are owned by a unit of local government.

However, in a city in a county having a population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000) but less than three hundred thousand (300,000), the designating body is only required to make one (1) of the

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additional findings described in this subsection or one (1) of the additional findings described in subsection (c).

(c) In a county containing a consolidated city or within a city or town, a designating body that wishes to designate a particular area a residentially distressed area may make the following additional findings as an alternative to the additional findings described in subsection (b):

(1) A significant number of dwelling units within the area are not permanently occupied or a significant number of parcels in the area are vacant land.

(2) A significant number of dwelling units within the area are:

(A) the subject of an order issued under IC 36-7-9; or

(B) evidencing significant building deficiencies.

(3) The area has experienced a net loss in the number of dwelling units, as documented by census information, local building and demolition permits, or certificates of occupancy, or the area is owned by Indiana or the United States.

(4) The area (plus any areas previously designated under this subsection) will not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total area within the designating body's jurisdiction.

However, in a city in a county having a population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000) but less than three hundred thousand (300,000), the designating body is only required to make one (1) of the additional findings described in this subsection as an alternative to one (1) of the additional findings described in subsection (b).

(d) A designating body is required to attach the following conditions to the grant of a residentially distressed area designation:

(1) The deduction will not be allowed unless the dwelling is rehabilitated to meet local code standards for habitability.

(2) If a designation application is filed, the designating body may require that the redevelopment or rehabilitation be completed within a reasonable period of time.

(e) To make a designation described in subsection (a) or (b), the designating body shall use procedures prescribed in section 2.5 of this chapter.

(f) The property tax deductions provided by sections 3 and 4.5 of this chapter are only available within an area which the designating body finds to be an economic revitalization area.

(g) The designating body may adopt a resolution establishing general standards to be used, along with the requirements set forth in the definition of economic revitalization area, by the designating body in finding an area to be an economic revitalization area. The standards

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must have a reasonable relationship to the development objectives of the area in which the designating body has jurisdiction. The following three (3) sets of standards may be established:

(1) One (1) relative to the deduction under section 3 of this chapter for economic revitalization areas that are not residentially distressed areas.

(2) One (1) relative to the deduction under section 3 of this chapter for residentially distressed areas.

(3) One (1) relative to the deduction allowed under section 4.5 of this chapter.

(h) A designating body may impose a fee for filing a designation application for a person requesting the designation of a particular area as an economic revitalization area. The fee may be sufficient to defray actual processing and administrative costs. However, the fee charged for filing a designation application for a parcel that contains one (1) or more owner-occupied, single-family dwellings may not exceed the cost of publishing the required notice.

(i) In declaring an area an economic revitalization area, the designating body may:

(1) limit the time period to a certain number of calendar years during which the area shall be so designated;

(2) limit the type of deductions that will be allowed within the economic revitalization area to either the deduction allowed under section 3 of this chapter or the deduction allowed under section 4.5 of this chapter;

(3) limit the dollar amount of the deduction that will be allowed with respect to new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and new information technology equipment if a deduction under this chapter had not been filed before July 1, 1987, for that equipment;

(4) limit the dollar amount of the deduction that will be allowed with respect to redevelopment and rehabilitation occurring in areas that are designated as economic revitalization areas on or after September 1, 1988; or

(5) impose reasonable conditions related to the purpose of this chapter or to the general standards adopted under subsection (g) for allowing the deduction for the redevelopment or rehabilitation of the property or the installation of the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, or new information technology equipment.

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To exercise one (1) or more of these powers a designating body must include this fact in the resolution passed under section 2.5 of this chapter.

(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a designating body limits the time period during which an area is an economic revitalization area, that limitation does not:

(1) prevent a taxpayer from obtaining a deduction for new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, or new information technology equipment installed ~~before January 1, 2006, but~~ after the expiration of the economic revitalization area if:

(A) the economic revitalization area designation expires after December 30, 1995; and

(B) the new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, or new information technology equipment was described in a statement of benefits submitted to and approved by the designating body in accordance with section 4.5 of this chapter before the expiration of the economic revitalization area designation; or

(2) limit the length of time a taxpayer is entitled to receive a deduction to a number of years that is less than the number of years designated under section 4 or 4.5 of this chapter.

(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, deductions:

(1) that are authorized under section 3 of this chapter for property in an area designated as an urban development area before March 1, 1983, and that are based on an increase in assessed valuation resulting from redevelopment or rehabilitation that occurs before March 1, 1983; or

(2) that are authorized under section 4.5 of this chapter for new manufacturing equipment installed in an area designated as an urban development area before March 1, 1983;

apply according to the provisions of this chapter as they existed at the time that an application for the deduction was first made. No deduction that is based on the location of property or new manufacturing equipment in an urban development area is authorized under this chapter after February 28, 1983, unless the initial increase in assessed value resulting from the redevelopment or rehabilitation of the property or the installation of the new manufacturing equipment occurred before March 1, 1983.

(l) If property located in an economic revitalization area is also

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located in an allocation area (as defined in IC 36-7-14-39 or IC 36-7-15.1-26), an application for the property tax deduction provided by this chapter may not be approved unless the commission that designated the allocation area adopts a resolution approving the application.

SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-40-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005 (RETROACTIVE)]:

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "new manufacturing equipment" means any tangible personal property that **the applicant for the deduction under section 10 of this chapter:**

- (1) ~~is installed~~ **installs** in a district;
- (2) ~~is used~~ **uses** in the direct production, manufacture, fabrication, assembly, extraction, mining, processing, refining, or finishing of other tangible personal property; ~~and~~
- (3) ~~was acquired by its owner~~ **acquires** for use as described in subdivision (2); and
- (4) ~~was never before used by its owner~~ **for any purpose in Indiana before the installation described in subdivision (1).**

SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-12.1-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005 (RETROACTIVE)].

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005 (RETROACTIVE)] **IC 6-1.1-12.1-1, IC 6-1.1-12.1-2, and IC 6-1.1-40-4, all as amended by this act, apply only to new manufacturing equipment, new research and development equipment, new logistical distribution equipment, and new information technology equipment installed and initially used in an economic revitalization area or new manufacturing equipment installed and initially used in a maritime opportunity district after December 31, 2004. It is the intent of the general assembly that the amendment of IC 6-1.1-12.1-1 and IC 6-1.1-40-4 by this act be interpreted to expand the equipment that is eligible for a deduction under IC 6-1.1-12.1 or IC 6-1.1-40 to include equipment that is ineligible for a deduction under IC 6-1.1-12.1 or IC 6-1.1-40 solely because the equipment was used in Indiana by a person other than the deduction applicant (as defined in IC 6-1.1-12.1-1(15), as added by this act) before being installed by the deduction applicant in an economic revitalization area or a maritime opportunity district.**

SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.

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